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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

INFO : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Associate Deputy Director for Operations
Acting Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Law of the Sea Negotiations

1. Mr. Roy Ash, Director of OMB, asked me yesterday whether we are participating in the preparation for the law of the sea negotiations. I said we are not devoting an inordinate amount of time to this but that I believe we are in contact with the appropriate State officers. I said we might have some contribution to make in terms of an estimate of the negotiating positions of the other participants, as well as the possible impact of different outcomes. He said he rather hopes we are participating because his office and others in the White House would feel much more confident.

2. Could you draft a short note to Mr. Ash on this subject, telling him the extent of our involvement and including, if you wish, any offers of additional involvement or limitations on our resources.

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W. E. Colby

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TO: Mr. Walsh
FROM: Don [initials]
SUBJECT: Colby memo re Law of the Sea

REMARKS: In response to Mr. Colby's memo, I have drafted a short note to Roy Ash outlining CIA participation in Law of the Sea Negotiations.

I have also drafted a lengthy memo on our involvement, which I believe should be forwarded to Mr. Colby for his own edification.

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[redacted], who knows more than anybody else about CIA participation, is on leave. He could undoubtedly do a better job, but he won't be back for two weeks. If the response can wait that long, we should do so.

If not, please cast a critical eye on my drafts, so that I can get them in whatever shape they need to be.

Don
Let's just
send up
the Colby to
Ash piece

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